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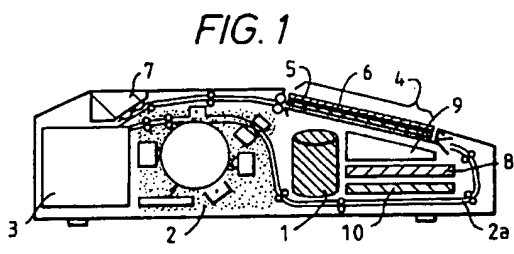
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54 **A sheet processing apparatus, and a facsimile system incorporating such an apparatus.**

57 In order to edit print information, the print information from a memory (1) may be printed on a sheet by a printing arrangement (2) and the sheet transported to a window (4) at which the sheet is supported so that it is aligned with an editing unit (5) and an editing display (6). Editing data are then input via the editing unit (5) and are displayed by the editing display (6) so that the editing data appear in the window (4) at the same position as the part of the print information to be edited. At the same time the information in the memory (1) may be changed in accordance with the editing. In this way, the print information can be displayed clearly, and the editing data input quickly. The sheet may be of paper but may be a composite film (47) having low molecular weight liquid crystal material (49) dispersed in high molecular weight material (48) such as high molecular weight liquid crystal material.



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1. Claims 1-10,19,20,30: Editing of print information
2. Claims 11-18: Handling/transport of print means/sheets
3. Claims 21-29: Printing by applying electric fields